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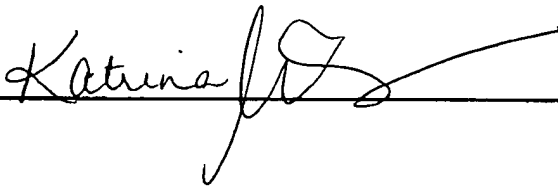
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

SHEPARD, SCOT T.

Serial Number: 09/766,043

Group Art Unit: 1632

Filed: January 19, 2001

Examiner: To be assigned

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR EXTRACTING PROTEINS FROM CELLS

Petition Under 37 CFR §1.181 to Correct Application Papers

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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November 4, 2003

Dear Sir:

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I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and allow the application to be examined. Further Applicants petition the Commissioner for a term extension, in light of the serious delays encountered during prosecution of this case that were not at the fault of the Applicants or their attorneys. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

II. Petition

A. Background Facts

1. On or about January 19, 2001, Application serial number 09/766,043, titled METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR EXTRACTING PROTEINS FROM CELLS, was filed in the United States Patent Office. See Exhibit 1; Declaration William P. Ramey, III, ¶1-2.
2. On or about March 29, 2001, the Patent Office issued a Notice to file Missing Parts. Applicants submitted the missing Declaration on or about May 29, 2001 with the required surcharge. See Exhibit 1, ¶3.
3. A Corrected Filing Receipt issued on June 25, 2001. The Filing Receipt indicated that all papers had been received by the Patent Office. See Exhibit 1, ¶4.
4. After the passage of about 18 months, Applicants filed a Request for Status. See Exhibit B, Request for Status. To date, no reply has been received in regards to the Request for Status. See Exhibit 1; ¶4-5.
5. On or about October 22, 2003, a Notice of Abandonment was issued by the Patent Office. The Notice was received thereafter by Applicants' attorney, Mr. Ramey. See Exhibit 1, ¶5.
6. Mr. Ramey contacted the Office of Petitions, at the phone number on the Notice of Abandonment, and spoke with a Ms. Shirene Willis. See Exhibit 1; ¶6. Ms. Willis very graciously offered to assist Mr. Ramey by looking further into the matter. See Exhibit 1; ¶7.
7. On or about November 3, 2003, Mr. Ramey again spoke with Ms. Willis. Ms. Willis had obtained the application file and told Mr. Ramey that a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed from the Patent Office on or about February 18, 2003. See Exhibit 1; ¶8. Ms. Willis stated that the Notice was mailed to William P. Ramey, 405 States Street, P.O. Box 318, Millsboro, DE 19966-0318. See Exhibit 1; ¶9.
8. To date, Mr. Ramey has not received the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. See Exhibit 1; ¶10. Mr. Ramey was unaware that any document was required by the Patent Office.

9. Ms. Willis recommended that Mr. Ramey file a Petition under 37 CFR §1.181 stating that the application papers were never received. See Exhibit 1; ¶11. Applicants hereby comply.
10. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this petition. The petition includes the Declaration of William P. Ramey, III, to establish the facts. Further, in the subsequent paragraphs, Applicants establish that adequate policies and procedures exist at Mr. Ramey's office to process the mail. As well, Applicants respectfully submit the Abstract as a separate submission along with this Petition. Lastly, Applicants make a request to have the Notice of Abandonment rescinded the instant application examined.
11. There are adequate policies and procedures in place at Mr. Ramey's office to process the mail. Mail is delivered to a Post Office Box by a U.S. Postal Carrier. An employee at Mr. Ramey's office collects all the mail from the Post Office Box and takes the mail to the shipping department. Once in the shipping department, the mail is distributed to the Patent Department mailbox. The patent department paralegal then collects the mail from the mailbox and processes it in the patent department. There are adequate policies and procedures at Mr. Ramey's office to process the mail. See Exhibit 1; ¶11.

B. Argument and Request

The Declaration of William P. Ramey, III establishes that the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of February 18, 2003 was never received by Applicants' attorney, even though appropriate policies and procedures exist to process the mail at Mr. Ramey's office. Therefore, no reply could have been made to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of February 18, 2003.

Moreover, the Request for Status mailed December 19, 2002 by Applicants' attorney was never properly responded to by the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicants had no reason to believe or expect that the application had an outstanding action. Applicants exercised all

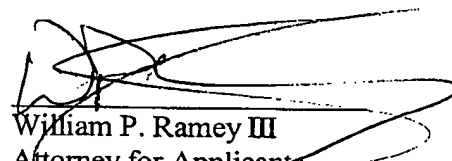
reasonable diligence in the prosecution of the case. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdraw of the Notice of Abandonment and examination of the case. In a further sign, Applicants have submitted, as a separate submission with this petition, an Abstract.

Further, in light of the almost 35 months that this application has been pending, Applicants respectfully request a term extension to be added on allowance of this case.

III. Conclusion

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and allow the application to be examined. Further Applicants petition the Commissioner for a term extension, in light of the serious delays encountered during prosecution of this case that were not at the fault of the Applicants or their attorneys. Further, the application is believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Commissioner feel an interview would facilitate the processing of this petition, Applicants invite the Commissioner to contact the undersigned attorney. Please charge any required fee and credit and credits to deposit account 02-2334.

Respectfully submitted,



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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM P. RAMEY, III

1. I, William P. Ramey, III, residing in Delaware, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, under penalty of perjury. These statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 USC and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the instant patent application or any patent issuing thereon. I am a patent attorney for Akzo Nobel NV.
 2. On or about January 19, 2001, Application serial number 09/766,043, titled METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR EXTRACTING PROTEINS FROM CELLS, was filed in the United States Patent Office. I represent Akzo Nobel NV before the Patent Office in regards to this application. I am very familiar with its contents.
 3. On or about March 29, 2001, the Patent Office issued a Notice to file Missing Parts. See Exhibit A, Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicants submitted the missing Declaration on or about May 29, 2001, with the required surcharge.
 4. A Corrected Filing Receipt issued on June 25, 2001. The Filing Receipt indicated that all papers had been received by the Patent Office. See Exhibit B, Corrected Filing Receipt.
 5. After the passage of about 18 months, Applicants filed a Request for Status. See Exhibit C,
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Request for Status. To date, no reply has been received in regards to the Request for Status. Accordingly, until recently, I was unaware of any requirement from the Patent Office.

6. On or about October 22, 2003, a Notice of Abandonment was issued by the Patent Office. I received the Notice thereafter. See Exhibit D. The Notice stated that we had failed to reply. However, we never received a communication from the Patent Office in regards to this application.
7. I then contacted the Office of Petitions, at the phone number on the Notice of Abandonment, and spoke with a Ms. Shirene Willis. Ms. Willis very graciously offered to assist me by looking further into the matter.
8. On or about November 3, 2003, I again spoke with Ms. Willis. Ms. Willis had obtained the application file and told me that a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed from the Patent Office on or about February 18, 2003. Ms. Willis stated that the Notice was mailed to me, William P. Ramey, at 405 States Street, P.O. Box 318, Millsboro, DE 19966-0318.
9. To date, I have not received the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers. I was unaware that any document was required by the Patent Office to begin examination of the case. In fact, the Request for Status, filed on December 19, 2002, should have been replied to by the Patent Office. Instead, no reply was sent. The first document received from the Patent Office was a Notice of Abandonment in October of 2003, some 18 months after the Patent Office issued a Corrected Filing Receipt indicating that all of the required papers had been submitted. See Exhibit B.
10. Ms. Willis recommended that I file a Petition, under 37 CFR §1.181, stating that the application papers were never received. Applicants hereby comply.

11. There are adequate policies and procedures in place at my office to process the mail. Mail is delivered to a Post Office Box by a U.S. Postal Carrier. An employee at my office collects all the mail from the Post Office Box and takes the mail to the shipping department. Once in the shipping department, the mail is distributed to the Patent Department mailbox. The patent department paralegal then collects the mail from the mailbox and processes it in the patent department. There are adequate policies and procedures at my office to process the mail.

12. The Notice never made it to my office.

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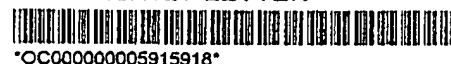
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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Applicant(s)

Scot R. Shepard, Clayton, NC;

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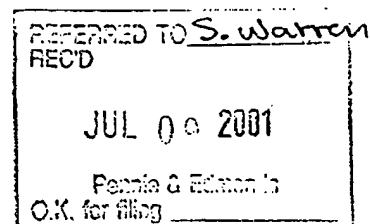
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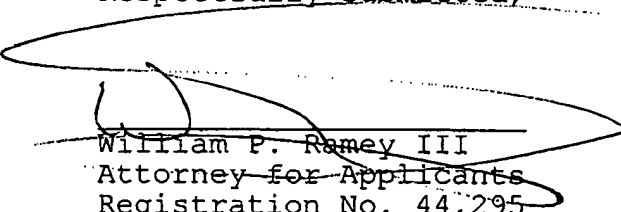
Sir:

The undersigned attorney requests the status of the above-identified application.

This application was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on January 19, 2001 and to-date no Office Action has been received.

In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334.

Respectfully submitted,


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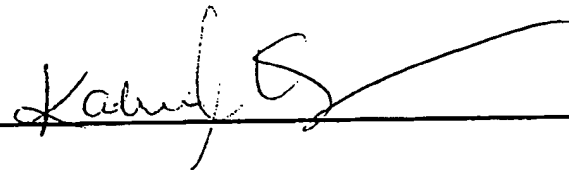
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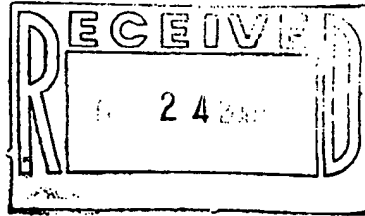


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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

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- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

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Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

Applicants hereby submit an Abstract to comply a Notice to File Missing Parts of February 18, 2003. The Notice of February 18, 2003 has not been received by Applicants and this submission is made to comply with the requirement. After entry of the Abstract, the application papers are believed to be in compliance and Applicants respectfully request examination of the application. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

II. Amendments to the Specification

Please insert, as a new page, after page, 22, the following:

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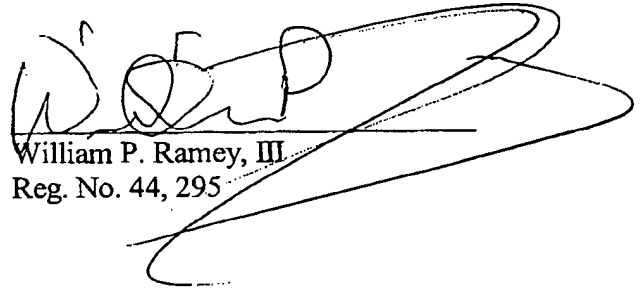
Embodiments of the present invention generally relate to processes for releasing proteins from cells and/or inactivating viruses. Processes of the present invention generally comprise the steps of contacting a host cell containing a protein of interest with a solution comprising an effective amount of a detergent.

III. Remarks and Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the accompanying Abstract. After entry of the Abstract, the application papers will be in compliance and Applicants respectfully request examination begin.

Further, the application is believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel an interview would expedite the prosecution of the case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

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